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1. THE ALL INDIA NEWSPAPER EDITORS CONFERENCE, A
LONG-ESTABLISHED, NON-POLITICAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION,
ISSUED A STATEMENT MAY 17 CONDEMNING THE GOP'S
ATTEMPTS TO "GAG THE PRESS." THE ORGANIZATION
EXPRESSED ITS SOLIDARITY WITH JOURNALISTS ARRESTED
THERE AND CALLED ON THE GOP TO "RETRACE ITS DISASTROUS
STEPS." THE STATEMENT CONCLUDED: "IT IS NOW CLEAR
THAT THE INITIAL DEMOCRATIC PROTESTATIONS OF THE
MILITARY REGIME WERE ONLY TO LULL THE PUBLIC INTO
COMPLACENCE."

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2. NEWSMEN IN KASHMIR REPORTEDLY MET IN SRINAGAR
MAY 16 AND AGREED TO STAGE A ONE DAY STRIKE IN THE
VALLEY ON MAY 18 TO PROTEST THE "INHUMAN AND UN-
CIVILISED TREATMENT "BY THE GOP OF THEIR COLLEAGUES.
ABOUT 12 DAILIES IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR REPORTEDLY
WILL OBSERVE THE STRIKE.

3. THE CONGRESS PARLIAMENTARY PARTY ON MAY 17 ALSO
CONDEMNED THE REPORTED FLOGGING OF JOURNALISTS IN
PAKISTAN.
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